

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Prior to entry of this response, Claims 17-31 were pending in the application. In the Office Action dated May 20, 2004, Claims 17-26 were allowed and the Examiner requested that Claims 27-31 be canceled. Following this response, Claims 17-26 remain in this application, Claims 27-31 being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

I. **Change to Attorney Docket Number**

Please note that the Attorney Docket Number for this application is now **05999.0167-00**.

II. **Cancellation of Claims 27-31**

As requested by the Examiner, Applicants cancel Claims 27-31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

III. **Allowance of Claims**

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner pass Claims 17-26 to issue.

IV. **Conclusion**

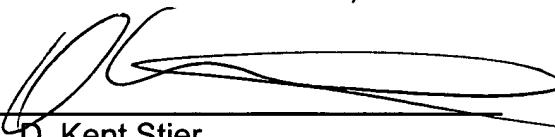
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application. Please grant any extensions of

time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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